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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR JOINT MECHANISM, JOINT  
APPARATUS, AND ROBOT DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

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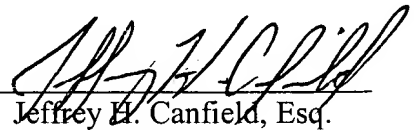
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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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